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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (SEVENTH SESSION)

Observations of Specialized Agencies on the Draft

International Covenant on Human Rights

The Director-General of the World Health Organization in his letter of 26 June 1951 stated that, "the action taken by the Commission, in its seventh session, was reported to the Executive Board of this Organization in WHO document EB8/39, and the resolution which the Board adopted on this subject has been transmitted to the Secretary-General." The following is the text of the resolution:

"The Executive Board

1. NOTES the report of the Director-General on co-operation with the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in respect to the Draft Covenant on Human Rights;
2. RECALLS the obligations assumed by the States Parties to the Constitution of WHO which recognizes that "The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being ..." and "Governments have a responsibility for the health of their peoples which can be fulfilled only by the provision of adequate health and social measures";

3. CONFIRMS that recommendations and international action in the field of health which are directed toward the implementation of the provisions of the International Covenant on Human Rights fall within the obligations placed upon WHO by its Member Governments and recognized by the United Nations in its agreement with WHO;

4. INVITES Member Governments which have not already achieved full co-ordination of their policies in the various organs of the United Nations and in the specialized agencies to undertake such co-ordination, especially in respect of measures to implement the provisions of the Draft International Covenant on Human Rights;

5. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) To propose to the Economic and Social Council at its Thirteenth Session revision of the Draft International Covenant on Human Rights in accordance with the suggestions approved by the Board at this session;

(2) To report to the Board at an early session on co-operation with the UN in respect to the Draft Covenant on Human Rights."